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Super Bowl Subs!!

It's that time of year again to order your SUPER BOWL SUBS from any participating Close-Up Student.....from now until Super Bowl Sunday.

The cost is \$5.00 and you can order either HAM or SALAMI. The foot-long sandwiches will be delivered to your door before the big game!! CALL TO ORDER FROM CLOSE UP MEMBERS:

ERICA LYFORD: 943-2342 or 279-2009

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BRUCE BENOIT: 943-5129 or 217-7286

SHELESHIA CLARK: 943-8896 or 279-1017

DREW BELLATTY: 943-1016

The Milo Elementary PTO presents The Maine Steiners Sunday, February 10th at the Milo Town Hall

An afternoon of great entertainment!

\$12.50 per person table seating \$6.00 balcony & 65 yr.. or older. Children 12 & under free with paid adult.

Desserts & beverages available for sale.

Table seating includes dessert & beverage.

All proceeds to benefit the Milo Elementary PTO Playground Fund. Call Milo Elementary School for ticket information.
943-2122

A new Weight Watchers session is beginning. We are looking for community members who would be interested in joining an At Work Weight Watchers Program at Milo Elementary on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 PM. If anyone is interested they can contact DeDe DeWitt at 965-0049 (home) evenings or 943-2212 (work) between 2:00-2:45 pm.

The Board of Milo's Ecumenical Food Cupboard will be soliciting items for an upcoming fundraising event. Items such as sweets, sandwiches, hot dogs and rolls, chips and drinks are what we will be looking for. If you would like to volunteer to purchase something or cook something, please call Gloria Lutterell at 943-7794 or Kathy Witham at 943-2112.

National High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest Story on page 2



Orators: L to R Eric Sanborn (Gold), Shelisha Clark (Silver), Brian Lippincott (Bronze) and Brittney Newbert (Certificate)

A Flowery fund raiser

The CLOSE- UP students are selling carnations in time for Valentines Day for the low, low price of just \$1.00 each. Gentlemen, you could get that special woman in your life a beautiful bouquet for as little as \$12.00!!! They will be for sale from now until Valentine's Day.



Contact any Close-Up student to order flowers.

Erica Lyford 943-2342 or 279-2009

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Steven Morse:943-7376

Drew Bellatty: 943-1016

Bruce Benoit: 943-5129

THE BROWNVILLE JCT. AMERICAN LEGION POST WILL BE OPEN FROM 6:00 - 10:00 PM EACH SUNDAY EVENING FOR ANYONE WHO ENJOYS SCRAPBOOKING. YOU BRING YOUR SUPPLIES AND WE WILL PROVIDE SPACE AND COFFEE. FOR MORE INFO CALL 965-3631 OR 965-8741.



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**BINGO...BINGO...
BINGO!!!**

THE MILO AMERICAN LEGION POST 41 HAS BINGO EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT. A MEAL IS SERVED FROM 5:00PM UNTIL 6:15 PM.



BINGO STARTS AT 6:15 AND ENDS AT 9:30.

SEE YOU THERE!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 41 HOSTS COMPETITION

Milo, Maine. January 15, 2008 The American Legion Post # 41 kicked off the first round of the National High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest in style. The purpose of the oratorical contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Students may compete each year of high school. The contest is most challenging. Each contestant must present a "prepared in advance oration" of 8 to 10 minutes, but delivered without notes or aids. Contestants, coaches, family, friends, judges and American Legion members enjoyed a multi-course Italian

dinner prior to the contest. The audience was truly impressed and absolutely focused on the presentations. The judges and the audience appreciated the excellent coaching by Clay Savage, Assistant Principal at Penquis Valley High School.

Commander Dick Graves and Americanism Chairman Bob Lee presented the awards.

Brian Lippincott (sophomore) won the Bronze Medal and received a check for \$ 100 for his presentation. Shelisha Clark, a junior, finished a strong second and received a silver medal and a check for \$150. Eric Sanborn won the gold medal and a check for \$250 for his unique oration on "Equal Rights". Brittney Newbert (junior) received a Certificate.

Both Shelisha and Eric have earned the right to compete in the State East semi-final at Thomas College on Saturday morning, 16 February. The State Championship will be that afternoon when the East and West winners compete for the State Champion.

The Winner from each state will compete at The National Contest at Indiana University – Purdue University in Indianapolis in April. The American Legion provides air travel and accommodations for the State Champion and their parent/guardian or coach. The National winners will receive significant scholarships: First \$ 18,000, Second \$ 16,000, and Third \$ 14,000. Numerous \$1500 scholarships will also be awarded.

Information and details may be found at www.legion.org

A Book Review

Former Milo Area French Teacher Edits Book on Franco-American Influence in Maine

Nelson Madore and Barry Rodrigue, editors. *Voyages: A Maine Franco-American Reader*. Gardiner, Me.: Tilbury House Publishers. 2007. Pp. iii, 606. \$30.00.

Nelson Madore, Ph.D., taught French language at Milo and Brownville Jct. high schools in 1968 and, upon the 1969 school consolidation, at Penquis Valley High School. Tall, muscular, and mature beyond his twenty-four years, the native of northern Maine's St. John River Valley struck an imposing presence in the circa 1968 classroom.

While most teachers customarily revealed little of their personal lives, young Madore regaled his French students with short but poignant glimpses of his adventurous days of 1962 in a far-off and little-known place called Vietnam. His lot in life as an airborne-qualified soldier on a U.S. Army Special Forces team was to advise primitive Montagnard tribesmen in their fight against insurgent Communists. The medium of communication was French and he felt his language skills "highly valued" (from the book's fervent introduction) and not belittled as they had been in Maine.

Well beyond the excitement and nervousness of the semester's early days, Madore exuded a certain passion, one perhaps detected only by the extraordinarily observant few. Recitations in French class became noticeably devoid of purposely Anglicized pronunciation by passive-aggressive schoolboys. For here stood a stalwart man insistently proud of his French culture and heritage...and, decades later, he is very evidently a soldier still – now for the promotion and recognition of French culture in Maine.

Madore has co-edited "Voyages: A Maine Franco-American Reader," a compilation of Franco-American experiences and history in Maine. Drawing positive acclaim since its September 2007 publication, "Voyages" brings together the writings of some seventy Franco-American contributors. The authors, many of whom are easily-recognized public figures, write on a diverse range of topics; the frontier history of Quebec and Maine, immigrant struggles, labor, genealogy, discrimination, women, community affairs, religious education, archeology, politics, literature, and language. An analysis of French humor conveys a rich and resonating style that is typical throughout the book.

Recently, after a discussion of his book before the Kennebec Historical Society in Augusta, this reviewer sat with his

former French teacher and reminisced about his Milo classroom and discussed his accomplished life in education and politics. Madore has taught at Thomas College for thirty-nine years and recently served as mayor of Waterville for a period of five years. His countenance is professorial, complete with the requisite beard (now gray). Ever mindful of his humble beginnings, he wears the winged insignia of an army airborne soldier on his suit jacket's lapel. Aside from the Army's chesty officers instructing military science courses at the University of Maine, he is very likely the only professor of a civilian college to choose to wear the hard-earned and coveted badge of military skill.

As surely as a chance encounter along life's path leads to a bit of long-sought enlightenment, a purposeful encounter with "Voyages" will grace one's life with an enlightened understanding and appreciation of Maine's culturally rich Franco-American community. One can easily see that, for Madore and his valuable literary product, the man is the book and the book is the man.
Daniel Peters, M.A. PVHS Class of 1969

AREA SCHOOL NEWS

You can help our schools just by shopping!!! The Box Tops for Education Program pays your town's school 10-cents for each and every coupon clipped!! When choosing your product at your grocer, look for the Box Tops for Education logo, use the product and then clip and save the Box Tops coupon. You can drop them of at your local elementary school, put them in the special box by the registers at the Milo Farmer's Union, or slip them into the money slot in the *Three Rivers News* display



boxes.

MILO'S TERRIFIC KIDS

*Mrs. Carey – We are happy to honor a special little girl as our Terrific Kid this week. She is always cheerful and friendly - and does she like to talk!!!! She shares lots of stories,, but she is also generous when it comes to sharing her crayons and materials. Maybe she has learned about sharing from her Grammie since her Grammie has made lots of mittens for us to share during these cold, cold days. We are thankful to have Jessica Gervais in our kindergarten family.

*Mrs. Walker – We are pleased to honor this girl this week. She is kind and friendly and uses her manners everyday. She is excited that she is almost getting that zipper to zip now by herself on her coat for recess time each day. This TK eats a good lunch in the cafeteria most days too. She likes to read her ABC book to friends in the mornings and now she is taking it home to read to her parents. Congrats to this TK Hailey Bizier.

*Mrs. Barden – Our terrific kid this week has been working hard in reading class. She loves to help others and always has a laugh and a giggle for her teachers. We are happy to have Emily Monahan in our room.

*Mrs. Hayes – Our terrific kid is a birthday kid this weekend. Guess who? Her friends will help you.

C - She has 6 cats.

A - She is absolutely awesome.

M - She is marvelous at getting her work done.

R - She is respectful and she rocks.

Y - She doesn't yak at work time.

N - She is nice.

Who is she?

You are terrific, Camryn, and a Happy Birthday to you for this weekend.

*Mrs. Tardiff & Mrs. Hussey - What a great worker this terrific kid is! She most often produces very neat work and finishes quickly. She is a great helper, especially after buses have started leaving. Cassie Drinkwater is a great addition to our class.

Raina has been working hard to improve her reading skills. She has moved up several levels and joined a new reading group. We are proud of her efforts. Raina is a friendly, cooperative girl and always follows the "I Care" rules of our classroom. Congratulations Raina Allen!

*Mrs. Dunham – Our Terrific Kid is a dear, sweet girl who loves school. She comes in each day ready to work. She is a kind and helpful friend to all her classmates. She is making fine progress as a reader. She loves to read out loud as often as she can. We enjoy having Candace Barry in our class.

*Mrs. Mills – Our terrific kid is a very quiet, hard worker. There are some days that I don't hear his voice at all! He tries his hardest at all his work. He loves our science unit on electricity. I think he would make a great electrician in the future. It is great to have Ben Tarnoczy in our class.

*Mrs. Whitney – This Terrific Kid is back from being away for a couple of years. He has adjusted well and is back into the swing of Milo Elementary School. It is almost like he never left! Great fourth grader, welcome back Bertie Allen!

*Mrs. Johnston – TK: Our Terrific Kid has made great strides in the past few weeks. She always has her homework done, her math and reading improve by the day, and her attitude has become much more positive! We are glad to have Tamron Robichaud as



our Terrific Kid this week.

*Mrs. Knowlton – This student is new to our school this year. He has a great imagination and it turns out that he is pretty handy with Legos! He has been working very hard to improve his written work and his cursive writing has really improved! This week's terrific kid for 5K is Joey Pouliot.

*Mrs. Clukey – My terrific kid this week has a very positive attitude towards school. From the beginning of the year it was clear to see he was a favorite among his peers, but wasn't always able to settle down to do his assignments. However, he has started to take his assignments a little more seriously along with getting started on them in a more timely fashion. So it is with great pleasure I announce Ian Perkins is our sixth grade terrific for this week.

*Ms. Clark – Our terrific kid has done a great job improving his attitude! . I am proud of the way he is growing. He accepts responsibility for his actions and is learning from his mistakes. That is something we all can work on. He is doing a great job on his unit project in math. I am pleased that I can say Shawn Carey is our terrific kid of the week! Congratulations, Shawn.

MEA students from Jan. 11--Top row, left to right: Erica Bowden, Courtney Bowers, Tyler Tibbetts, Cody Donlon, Middle row, left to right: Rebecca Glidden, Isaiah Bess, Kyle Rogers, Michelle Baker, Macy Carey, Kendra Chase. Bottom row, left to right: Christopher Mutter, Kara Pariseau, Bertie Allen, Paul Badger, Joseph Pouliot, Jacob Barnaby.
 MEA students from Jan. 18--Back row, left to right: Tristen Beckett, Cassandra Lopez, Courtney Lyford, Patrick Creighton, Macy Leonard, Jeff Lyford. Front Row, left to right: Jessica Brown, Tyler Cyr, Zachery Gendren, Theresa Karpowicz, Lillian Costello,



Kristina Bussiere, Brittini Black.

Milo Elementary is recognizing students for their wonderful work on the 2007 MEA test. Students will be recognized over the next few weeks at our weekly assembly. Students were presented a certificate and a gift certificate to the local video store for their accomplishment of meeting the standards on the MEA test.

Remember the days when winter was this much fun?



COOK SCHOOL NEWS

The picture on the front of the paper shows the 4th and 5th grade students who presented a program about the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. prior to the Terrific Kid assembly. They recited an acrostic poem by Sarah Topkins and also several excerpts from the "I Have a Dream" speech.

KyLee Trafton, Kyle Estes and Rachael Baker were honored as Terrific Kids at our 1/18/08 assembly.

Mrs. Nott: KyLee Trafton is my terrific kid. KyLee has been working very hard in and out of the classroom. She is taking home extra work and has been doing great in all of her classroom assignments. KyLee is also a great helper and a wonderful friend to everyone!

Miss Brown: Kyle has done an exceptional job this week on all of his assignments. He has worked through difficult work and has had success academically. Kyle is a great friend to others and always participates in class. He has a great imagination and he is a great helper in the classroom. Kyle always has his homework completed and has his planner every day.



Congratulations Kyle!

Miss K: Rachael is a Terrific Kid every week. She tries hard on all of her assignments, gets her Planner signed nightly and does all of her homework. Sometimes she even does extra homework to practice math problems. Rachael arrives with a smile on her face and a cheerful, "Good morning." We appreciate Rachael's help in at lunch time and throughout the day.

- Bus Kids: David, Lily, Kendra
- Artists of the Week: Dylan, Colleen, Haley M., Haley B.
- Civil Rights Team Award: Haley M.
- Birthdays: Cassidy (10), Miss K.
- Caught Being Good Prize Winners: Dakota H., Shalene, Alyssa V., Angeliq, Harli
- Our winter dance is now rescheduled for 1-25-08.**





Grade 4/5 students and grade K/1 students began "buddy reading" this week. The "buddies" will be reading and writing to each other on a regular basis. I've got a feeling these kids are going to be surprised to learn their pictures had been taken as they were so absorbed in their stories!

Brownville's Terrific kids

K-Autumn Finkle 1-Isaac Brown 2-Joey Faria 3-Jordan Durant
4-Alyssa Murano 5-Kala Hall 6-Jake McSwine



CITIZEN OF THE WEEK
Jazymn



GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER
January 1986

20-Foggy Cloudy am Rain pm-34° at 6:45 am.
21-P sunny am M Cloudy pm few snowflakes.
22-Cloudy little rain in evening-30° at 10:10 pm.
23-Sunny & windy-12° at 12 noon.

24-Sunny L wind-(-8°) at 9 pm.
25-M sunny am Cloudy pm Snow start at 4 pm.
26-Snow, rain hard all day all night-36° at noon.
27-Some fog in night rain hard all day until 12:10.

Milo Free Public Library News

Judith D. Macdougall

I guess if I were going to title this column this week, I would title it "MORE". On Monday and Friday we certainly had MORE snow. The library was open Monday afternoon but I found it hard to get to work with the almost white-out weather conditions. However, several patrons came in for various services, and the library was almost constantly busy for awhile. I was pleased, too, that folks telephoned before coming into the library. Remember, if the weather is wild, be sure to call before coming to the library to be sure that we are open. We did close in the evening because of the storm.

We also have MORE income tax materials. We had received forms for the 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ, but no instructions! This week we received instructions for all the 1040 forms so we are quite well set with all the basic forms and instructions now. We are still waiting for the books of reproducible forms, but Pam can print odd forms from the internet too. For those of you who want to get your income tax finished up and out of the way, I believe, we can supply you very well now.

And we have MORE new adult books. It's always fun for me to be able to list new books. When someone comes in to ask if we are going to get a certain title, I very much enjoy being able to say, "We have it already. Here it is." Here are the newest titles:-

Cannell, Stephen
Cornwell, Bernard
Delinsky, Barbara
Evanovich, Janet

THREE SHIRT DEAL
SWORD SONG
THE SECRET BETWEEN US
PLUM LUCKY(Another Stephanie
Plum Between-the-Numbers)

King, Stephen
Woods, Stuart

DUMA KEY
BEVERLY HILLS DEAD

We also received our monthly order from the Junior Library Guild.

Lawrence, Iain

THE CASTAWAYS
(An exciting sea story)

Sheth, Kashmiria

KEEPING CORNER
(A 12 year old widow in India)

Winerip, Michael

ADAM CANFIELD, WATCH
YOUR BACK

Pam and I always get a charge out of the youngest patrons. As Art Linkletter said, "Kids Say the Darndest Things". We have two young sisters who have been coming to the library for several years and are very comfortable with our facility and the staff. The youngest one, 3 years old, was calling Elmo, "Melmo". I thought she just couldn't say the correct name. She finally explained to me that even though she knew the correct name was Elmo, a little friend called him Melmo, so she did too. It is a more melodious name. When the two sisters were leaving, their mother prompted with, "What do you say?". The oldest sister (5) dutifully said the expected phrase, "Thank you", but the younger one said, "Bye bye". She then explained that since "Thank you" had already been said,

she wanted to say "Bye bye." Pam and I cracked up after they left. The youngest patron was so serious and had thought it all out. We do enjoy all of our youngest patrons.

The Library will be closed on
MONDAY, JANUARY 21st

In Observance of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY
Library Winter Hours Telephone 943-2612
Mon.-Weds.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00 Saturday 2:00-4:00

TRC Community Calendar Visit
<http://calendar.trcmaine.org/> for a full listing.

Monday, January 21
9:00a Monday Morning Quilters
11:45a Meals for ME
6:00p Volleyball
7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00p Sebec Selectmen
7:30p Pleasant River Lodge #163

Tuesday, January 22
5:30p Line Dancing
6:30p Post #92 Bingo

Wednesday, January 23
6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis
10:00a Church Thrift Shop
6:00p K.I. Riders
6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters
6:30p LaGrange Selectmen
6:30p Order of the Rainbow
6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115
6:30p Brownville Selectmen
7:00p Overeaters Anonymous
7:00p Bowerbank Selectmen

Thursday, January 24
11:45a Meals for ME
4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class
6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112
6:00p Milo Selectmen
6:30p Line Dancing
6:30p BJHS Card Party

Friday, January 25
11:45a Meals for ME
12:00p Three Rivers Senior Citizens
6:15p Post #41 Bingo

Saturday, January 26
Sunday, January 27

12:00p Karate Class
2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do
6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

Thanks to Betty Harris at the Milo Town office for providing us with the meetings from Milo's Selectmen's meeting.

These minutes are from the December 13th, 2007, meeting. The minutes must be approved by the board of selectmen before being published, so will be the previous meetings notes.

Town of Milo	MINUTES	Regular Selectmen's Meeting
	December 13, 2007	

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Beres, Jerry Brown, Rick Gallagher and Tony Hamlin.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None. **STAFF:** Betty Gormley.

6:00 PM Call to Order by Jerry Brown, Chairman

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None.

MINUTES: Joseph Beres made the motion to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of December 6th and December 10th as prepared. Second – Rick Gallagher. Passed - unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jerry Brown mentioned to the Board of the Staff Christmas Party being held on Friday, December 14, 2007 from 11:00 to 1:00. The Board is also invited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Ken Demers asked when the bids on the Tax Acquired Property will be opened. Jerry told him they would be opened at 5:00 on Friday, December 14th.

AGENDA: TAN NOTE APPROVAL: Jerry Brown spoke to the Board regarding the TAN Note Bids coming in. This would only be needed depending on the cash flow and how taxes come in. The Town will only draw down money as it is needed. The Board received a Staff Recommendation for Camden National due to the convenience of having the bank here in town even though their bid was slightly higher than Bangor Savings.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES: Fire Department: Ken Demers stated to the Board that the Fire Department will be doing one interview on Monday for a firefighter. The ad will go in the next edition of The Observer.

Jerry Brown informed the Board that the Police Department savings to date was \$7500 as of last week.

Jerry Brown informed the Board that the ad for the Town Manager's position will be in the papers this week, (The Portland paper, The Observer and online). MMA will be doing the screening so the Town won't have to do background checks.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Resignation: Joseph Beres made the motion to accept the resignation of John Pokrywka as Rec. Director with regret. Second – Rick Gallagher. Passed – unanimously.

Appointments: Rick Gallagher made the motion to sign appointments for the Hiring Committee as prepared. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

Warrant #41: Joseph Beres made the motion to sign Warrant #41 as prepared. Second – Rick Gallagher. Passed – unanimously.

Other: Jerry Brown mentioned to the Board that he met with Catherine (Kitty) Ellison regarding the Comprehensive Plan. She disagrees with some of the information and brought in paperwork to correct. Jerry told her it would be done at a future date through an updated version.

Jerry Brown stated to the Board that ads for nomination papers will be in the next editions of the papers, along with the firefighter ad.

Jerry Brown stated there would be no meetings until the first of the year.

There has been a Recycling Committee Meeting on December 20th at 6:00 PM.

Rick Gallagher made the motion to appoint Lois Wagner onto the Recycling Committee. Second – Joseph Beres. Passed – unanimously.

Joseph Beres made the motion to adjourn at 6:21 PM. Second – Rick Gallagher. Passed – unanimously. adjournment

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Brown, Chairman- Betty I. Gormley, Secretary



We stopped at another village called Santa Margherita Ligure to pick up a few more passengers. It was no time until we entered the port area of Portofino. It was like a picture postcard. With the narrow four story buildings attached to one another and each one with a different shade of yellow, brown and pink, it was quite a sight. I hope the picture I have included gives some indication of the beauty. The town has very few streets and is nestled between high hills. It can be reached by car but it is much more impressive to approach it by water. No vehicles are allowed in the area next to the water except for the trucks to launch or remove boats.

Fernanda took us up a path leading to a small church (San Giorgio) containing relics said to be of a dragon slayer. From

Italy Part 8 By Virgil Valente

Thursday Nov. 8.

Today we leave Florence. There was still so much to see I hated to leave the city. We had a wakeup call at 6:30 so we could have our luggage out by 7. When we went for breakfast, it was a madhouse. Most of the dining area had been closed for remodeling and for some reason all 3 groups staying at the hotel were scheduled to eat at 7. Fernanda was upset and said the hotel should have let the tour directors know so the schedules could have been adjusted. Anyway a lot of people had to take their plates and eat on the hotel stairs since there weren't any chairs available.

After, we left by bus at 8 and headed for Pisa which was on our route to Rapallo our next hotel stay. The bus took us to a parking area where we boarded a tram similar to those at Disney World for our trip to the Field of Miracles where the Cathedral, Baptistry and famous Leaning Tower are located. We were told that we had one hour to roam around on our own.

Florence and Pisa are still cities that don't like one another. Fernanda said that people in Florence make the comment that they would rather have a member of the family die than to have someone from Pisa knock at their door.

The Cathedral was started in 1064 and completed in 1302. The Baptistry was begun in 1152 and took 100 years to complete. The tower which is the bell tower for the Cathedral was begun in 1173 and had started to tilt on the sandy soil before the third story was finished in 1274. You can see attempts were made to correct the lean by lengthening one side. The tower was completed in 1350.

When I first saw the tower over 10 years ago they had attached lead weights to one side to keep it from leaning further. No one was allowed to climb the tower. At its worst lean it was 17 ft 6 inches from vertical. Recently engineers decreased the lean by 14 inches and stabilized it so that now people may climb it again. It costs 10 Euro or \$15 to climb but since I am afraid of height, it wasn't for me.

Of course, being a science teacher, I had to go into the Cathedral to once again see the chandelier that Galileo used to discover the law of the pendulum.

We returned to the bus and continued on our way to Rapallo. The road went through many tunnels as we entered a mountainous area. Just outside Rapallo we stopped at another Auto Grill for a quick lunch and continued on to the Hotel Europa.

Rapallo is a small town located on what is called the Italian Riviera. Our hotel was across the street from the Ligurian (Mediterranean) Sea. We had barely enough time to get our belongings carried to our rooms. We would have to wait until our return for our luggage.

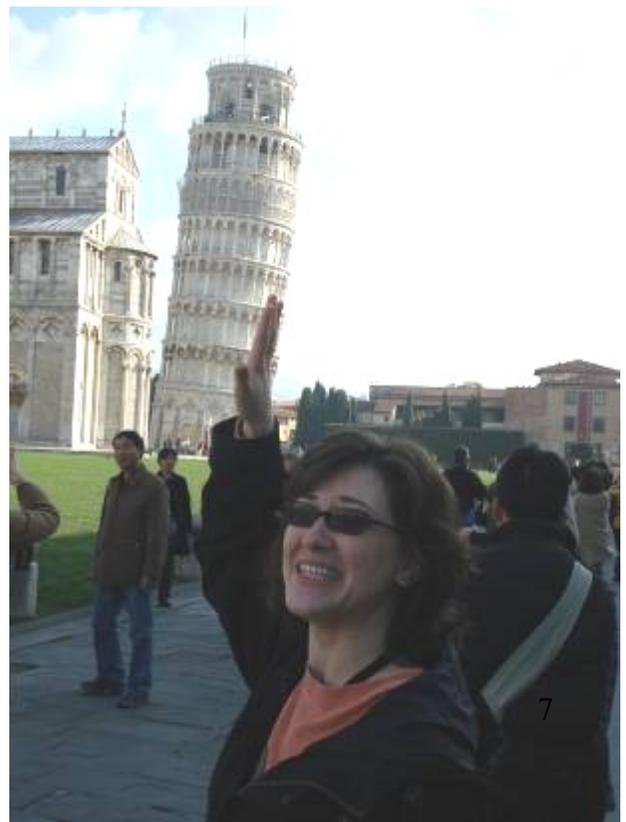
Within 15 minutes we had assembled outside the hotel and proceeded across the street and into the port area. Included in our package was a trip by boat to the town of Portofino. Portofino is a little town a short way down the coast that is seen on many calendars. It is a favorite spot for movie stars and millionaires. Unfortunately the sea was acting up a bit with the wind and we weren't allowed on the upper deck. We did however sit outside at the front of the ship so we had a good view.



the church we could look down on the port. When we returned to the port area I stopped at a restaurant on the water for a hot chocolate, since it was a little chilly. I walked back to the beach area and saw a 6' boat with a 25 hp motor on it. I'm sure it was a joke. The boat would have sunk if it were placed in the water. While there Steff, and Mary, along with 7 other nieces and friends, decided they needed to wade in the Mediterranean and wanted me to take their picture. They admitted the water was cold.

At 4 we boarded the boat for our trip back to Rapallo.

Although it is small (I would say the same size or a little larger than Milo) it is famous as the place where two post-World War I treaties were signed and also the location for the movie The Barefoot Contessa. D. H. Lawrence and Ezra Pound spent a lot of time here as well.



As we approached the harbor the small 16th century castle jutting out into the water came into view. The castle was used to protect the town from pirates many years ago. Today it exhibits art. Unfortunately it was not open during our stay.

When we got off the boat, Fernanda took us up the main shopping street so we would know where to find things we might want. We returned to our room around 7 and got settled. At 7:30 we had our welcoming drink of grapefruit or orange juice and then went into the hotel restaurant for dinner.

Our meal consisted of a new type of pasta that is typical of the area. Its shape was similar to a large toothpick but was twisted to hold the sauce better. We had it with pesto sauce. Next we had potatoes and string beans. Our main course was some type of sea bass cooked with pine nuts and spinach along with peas and carrots. Our dessert was panna cotta with caramel and chocolate sauces. I returned to the room fat and happy at 9 and went to bed.

The pictures are of Pisa, the castle in Rapallo and the harbor of Portofino.

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Fourteen members gathered at The Restaurant along with interclubs from Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis and Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis and Builders Club member Camille Cramer.

Eben DeWitt led the Pledge of Allegiance and George Barton offered the Morning Prayer after which many Happy and Sad Dollars were donated.

It was announced that Sandra Haley is going to teach after-school knitting classes to students in grades 3-6 at the Milo Elementary School beginning on Feb. 4. This is a 4-H after school activity. Sandra needs some volunteers to assist her, so if anyone is available, please contact Linda Whitten at 943-5569.

The Kiwanis Annual Variety Show is scheduled for May 2-3 and the Kiwanis Auction is scheduled for June 19 - 20.

The Builders Club will have their Charter Night at the Town Hall on Jan. 29 with a dinner. Cost will be \$ 7.00. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM.

Upcoming speakers for February include Rachel Larlee on Feb. 6, Supt. Shirley Wright on Feb. 20, and Virgil Valente on Feb. 27.

Our speaker today was Paul Matulis from CA\$H, the Creating Assets, \$avings and Hope in Eastern Maine coalition which is funded by Penquis CAP. Paul is the Earned Income Tax Credit co-coordinator with Penquis CAP.

The EITC started in the 1970's to benefit lower income families. It is available only to those with social security numbers who have earned income between the ages of 25 and 65. There are other qualifications which must be met.

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Lois Trask, Sec.

PAWS UPDATE

Things are amazingly grand at PAWS these days! We are currently operating with only 20 kitties as our guests!! We have 6 of the funniest, sweetest, most active 5 month old kittens you will ever see! Actually, when I saw things are grand at the shelter I am leaving out the part about how hard it is to get the chores done. You see, those darn cats put on such a show, and demand so many pats and scratching that some times, we just sit and play! With the census down to a manageable number, we have a little more time for interacting, but we would welcome any of you who feel in a loving mood to

come on over and hang out!! No strings attached (well, maybe to a stick with a play mouse on the end)!

I want to thank you who have ordered or bought copies of the Up On The Farm book. There are still plenty of issues left, so e-mail me at Val04463@verizon.net, or call me at 943-2324 and I will get a copy to you! It's a great way to help the animals while enjoying some crazy stories!

Joey caught during a quiet moment!!



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